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Web site gives daily lake levels

Rough River Lake remains high

LOUISVILLE, Ky. -- Rough River Lake is nearly 12 feet above its normal summer pool elevation of 495.0 feet and will remain high through the Memorial Day holiday. At current conditions, the lake is not expected to reach its normal summer pool level until approximately the end of June.

Although all boat ramps are currently open, several camp sites in the North Fork, Axtel, Laurel Branch and Cave Creek campgrounds are under water and will not be available for use until the pool can be lowered to the normal summer elevation. All beaches on the lake are also closed because of the high water. In addition, the State Park Marina is impacted by these high pool levels.

"We're doing everything we can to get the water down to summer pool, but right now it all depends on Mother Nature" said Chris Boggs, Army Corps of Engineers Rough River Lake manager.

The high pool level resulted from temporary changes to the Corps' normal lake releases required by improvements made during the winter months to the Rough River Dam -- and from the unusually heavy spring rains. Current water discharge from the dam is also gauged to prevent flooding of agricultural fields downstream of the dam.

The Corps hopes to minimize adverse impacts of the high pool to recreation and surrounding communities by lowering the pool elevation as quickly as possible. However, as heavy spring rains continue, the amount of time required to reach seasonal pool levels may increase.

Campground reservations can still be made, though some specific camp sites are not available. To reserve a site contact the National Recreation Reservation System at www.recreation.gov. For further information contact the Corps of Engineers at Rough River Lake at (270) 257-2061

To see the daily Rough River Lake report go to <http://www.lrl.usace.army.mil/> and click on Lake/River reports in the left-hand margin; in the center page scroll down and click on Daily Lake Report.

Don't forget, while fishing and boating at Rough River and other area lakes this summer -- Wear Your Life Jacket!

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